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**Subject:** Fw: Microsoft Settlement

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>>>  
>>> January 23, 2002  
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>>> Attorney General John Ashcroft  
>>> US Department of Justice,  
>>> 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
>>> Washington, DC 20530-0001  
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>>> Dear Mr. Ashcroft:  
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>>> I support the Department of Justice's efforts to settle the Microsoft  
>> antitrust lawsuit. Enough time and money has been spent on this case,  
>> and  
>> nothing more will be gained by continued litigation.  
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>>> The terms of the settlement agreement are quite reasonable. Microsoft  
> has  
>> agreed to change its business practices so it will be easier for the  
>> competition to compete with Microsoft's products. Microsoft also agreed  
>>> to document and disclose internal interfaces to its competitors. In  
>> addition Microsoft agreed not to enter into contracts, which would  
>> require  
>> third parties to exclusively sell Windows products. There is little  
> danger  
>> that Microsoft will violate antitrust laws once the settlement is  
> approved.  
>> A technical review committee will be created to ensure Microsoft's  
>> compliance with the terms of the agreement. In the event concerns arise  
>> that Microsoft is not complying with the law, complaints may be lodged  
> with  
>> the review committee for investigation. Nothing more should be required  
> of  
>> Microsoft beyond the provisions of the settlement agreement.  
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>>> What our economy needs now is stimulation. Allowing Microsoft to get  
> back  
>> to business will certainly help stimulate the economy. Thank you for  
your  
>> efforts to bring this case to a conclusion.  
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>>> Sincerely,  
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